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Review of 201 File on U.S. Citizen

In accordance with the DDO's notice of 9 December 1974, I have reviewed the 201 file on McVICKAR (surname) (201 number indicated below), and have determined that it can most accurately be categorized as indicated below:

- [ ] Should be closed. (If this category applies, affix Records Officer stamp.)
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- [ ] Witting collaborator. OI Code A1.
- [ ] Potential witting collaborator; date opened: ______ OI Code A2.
- [ ] Former witting collaborator (relationship terminated). OI Code A3.
- [x] Potential witting collaborator never contacted. OI Code A4.
- [ ] Counterintelligence case (i.e., involving a foreign intelligence or security service). OI Code A5.
- [ ] All others. OI Code A6.

Signed Sam H. GIRARDI (name) ______ (title) FR/SRA (component)

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DISPATCH NO. WFPA-2489

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TO : Chief, FDW

DATE: 8 November 1949

FROM : Chief, Paris Station

SUBJECT: GENERAL- John Augustus McVICKAR, Jr. 201-33608
SPECIFIC-

1. Subject is presently employed in Paris by Trans World Airline in the capacity of Special Sales Representative. He is well known to Douglas C. HARE and Eleanor T. HARTWELL, the former having known him socially for a number of years and the latter having dealt with him on transportation problems since his appointment, fifteen months ago, to the position he now occupies with TWA.

2. Subject is also a long-time friend of UNMOVED, who brought him to our attention as a potential recruit and who has provided us with the biographical information contained in the attached personal record form No. 51-67.

3. From what I have been able to gather from UNMOVED, as well as from HARE and HARTWELL, subject appears to be the type of individual which might be ideally suited to fulfill certain valuable operational assignments in France, such as "spotter" for other high-level potential agents, high-level contacts, cut-out, etc. All who know him agree that subject is capable of "doing anything and getting to know anyone" if he so chooses. Apparently subject, despite the "brass" which surrounds his perceptible personality, is a serious-minded, intelligent and patriotic individual who has had much experience along lines which could be of use to this organization, as well as an uncanny knack of being able to introduce and ingratiate himself into practically any milieu of interest to his work or wishes. A partial list of subject's fairly close friends, as reported by UNMOVED on Page 8-a of attachment, shows the variety of people subject knows and sees whenever they are in this area. Undoubtedly, subject himself could add a much longer list of names to those reported herein, particularly with respect to contacts in Europe.

4. I am assured by UNMOVED that subject, despite his ability to make and keep numerous and varied friendships, is far from being a "good time Charlie". He is, on the other hand, one of those characters whom everyone likes and trusts and who goes out of their way to see as often as occasion permits. UNMOVED assures me that subject is a particularly good friend

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of Alberto DODERO (the Argentine shipping magnate) and who is living in France at the present time.

5. It is our thought that perhaps subject's unusual personality and in the cover-job he now occupies could be exploited to advantage by this Station and the organization as a whole. Subject has absolute freedom of movement outside France (usually by TWA), entree into practically any milieu his assignments might require and is known to be an intelligent, hard-working and patriotic individual.

6. On a recent tour of inspection of the TWA circuit, Warren L. PIERSON, Chairman of the Board of TWA, assured subject he would endeavor to secure for him an additional allotment of funds to supplement his present expense account budget. Due to budgetary restrictions this has not been possible and subject is at present seeking another more remunerative position, since he claims that his present income of approximately $666.00 monthly (including expense account) is insufficient to permit him to live in Paris and maintain the contacts and activity required by his job. According to UNMOVED, subject is at present endeavoring to secure from his good friend Benjamin KATZ(President of the Gruen Watch Co.) the sales agency for Gruen watches in Europe. Meanwhile, however, subject is not contemplating resigning his position with TWA until he has a firm and more remunerative position. UNMOVED states that subject plans to remain with TWA at least until the end of the year, by which time he may have secured something better. Subject has also had talks with James A. FARLEY (on his recent trip to France) concerning the possibility of handling the Coca-Cola agency here. Nothing has come of this possibility to date, but subject appears to be hopeful.

7. UNMOVED is of the opinion that subject would be most receptive to a proposition of doing intelligence work and furthermore believes that if subject could supplement his present income by an additional $200 or $300 per month, he would be willing to remain with TWA, which he likes and is only considering leaving due to his present low total income, much of which is spent in connection with activities required by his position.

8. UNMOVED has, of course, never even hinted to subject anything about his own undercover activities and is sure subject does not suspect that the former is doing anything but his cover work in France. UNMOVED, when questioned as to his opinion concerning subject's potential value as a covert agent, as well as his recruitability, has pointed out very strongly that subject, due to the very nature of his personality, must be given a good deal of operational guidance and be closely controlled. Questioned as to whether some other individual should endeavor to recruit subject, UNMOVED was of the opinion that, should the organization desire to do so, he would be best fitted to exploit subject's potential, since

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he has known him for a good many years and as a close friend, knows his strong and weak points and could, in general, handle subject to better advantage than another individual who might have only occasional contact with him.

9. We request that consideration be given to the advisability of endeavoring to recruit subject and, in the event of a favorable decision, that provisional operational clearance be given in order that subject may be approached on the subject of engaging in intelligence work. With regard to whom should actually recruit subject, we suggest that HARE might safely make the first approach and, if subject accepts and final security is obtained, he might eventually be turned over to UNMOVED for exploitation.

10. We would appreciate your reactions to the desirability of recruiting subject, as well as your thoughts as to how best exploit his obvious potential.

11. If subject's recruitability is approved in principle and he is given provisional security clearance, this Station would then prepare a field project outline, to be submitted to you for approval.

Dan O. Garner

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PERSONAL RECORD OF

McVICKAR	John	Augustus, Jr.
Last Name	First	Middle

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FORM NO. 51-67
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1. FULL NAME, IN NORMAL SEQUENCE.

John Augustus McVickar, Jr.

2. NAME IN NATIVE SCRIPT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CHARACTERS.

3. NAME AT BIRTH (if different from No. 1).

Same

4. ALL ALIASES (give brief statement of time and place of use). (Include Nicknames - Legal Changes.).

No aliases. Nickname - "Johnny"

5. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH.

12 February 1909. Long Island, N. Y., U.S.A.

6. NATIONALITY, ALSO RACE (if appropriate).

U.S.

7. NATIONALITY AT BIRTH (if different from No. 6). INCLUDE ALL NATIONALITIES HELD.

Same as above

8. PRESENT RESIDENCE (Is he owner, tenant, sub-tenant. At whose home does he live? Telephone?).

28 Avenue Montaigne, Paris, France.
Tenant on a monthly basis, subletting from one Fred McAvoy, an Australian.
Telephone: ELY 46-65

9. PERMANENT ADDRESS (If different than present residence).

None

10. PRESENT OCCUPATION (Give full title, indication as to earnings, etc.).

Special Sales Representative for Trans World Airline in Paris.
In addition to Paris, sales territory includes the Benelux countries.
Earnings, including salary, living allowance and expense account, total approximately $666.00 monthly.

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11. FATHER'S FULL NAME, NATIONALITY AT BIRTH, PRESENT NATIONALITY, PLACE OF BIRTH, PRESENT RESIDENCE.
Father was born in U.S. and has always held U.S. citizenship. Formerly a member of U.S. Foreign Service. Living at present in retirement on Long Island, N.Y. in the home of his second son, Theodore McVIKAR.
N ame: John Augustus McVIKAR.

12. MOTHER'S FULL NAME, NATIONALITY AT BIRTH, PRESENT NATIONALITY, PLACE OF BIRTH, PRESENT RESIDENCE.

U.S. citizen at birth. Now deceased.

13. HUSBAND/WIFE: FULL NAME (include maiden name of wife), NATIONALITY AT BIRTH, PLACE OF BIRTH.

Ruth Maxwell Warner McVIKAR, nee Ruth Maxwell.
U.S. citizen from birth. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.

CIT: USA
POB. USA, MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS
wife of John Augustus McVICKAR, JR, 201-33605
A: FRANCE, PARIS, 28 AVENUE MONTAIGNE

14. (a) WHEN AND WHERE MARRIED.
(b) NAME CHILDREN, AGE, NATIONALITY, RESIDENCE.

(a) 2 June, 1949 at Alexandria, Virginia

(b) One daughter by a previous marriage. Barbara McVIKAR, U.S. citizen, aged 19, now living with remarried mother in San Francisco, California.

15. NAMES OF BROTHERS/SISTERS, AGES, NATIONALITY, RESIDENCE.

Two brothers - Theodore and Rolph McVIKAR, and one sister, Dorothea DAWSON.
All U.S. citizens and all living in U.S.

16. IF SUBJECT, PARENTS, OR HUSBAND/WIFE NATURALIZED, GIVE DATE AND NAME IN WHICH CERTIFICATE WAS GRANTED.

None

17. LIST OFFICIAL IDENTITY PAPERS HELD BY SUBJECT.

U.S. Passport No. 227
French Identity Card
U.S. Social Security No. 091-09-6737

18. GIVE PRESENT AND/OR PAST OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH ANY GOVERNMENT.

None

19. GIVE CONNECTIONS WITH ANY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PAST OR PRESENT. HAS SUBJECT EVER BEEN A DOUBLE AGENT? HAS SUBJECT EVER BEEN CONSIDERED THE TYPE OF AGENT WHO SELLS HIS INFORMATION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER? EXPLAIN.

In 1941-1942, while Assistant General Manager of the Hotel Pierre in New York, furnished information regularly to the FBI concerning persons living in the hotel in whom the Agency was interested. This service was requested by the Agency and no payment was involved.

20. RELIGION, AND DEGREE PRACTICED. (Membership in Religious Orders.).

Protestant. Infrequent attendant at Church.

21. POLITICAL ORIENTATION. TO WHAT CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR UNIONS, PARTIES, OR SOCIETIES HAS HE BELONGED?

Republican. Never a member of any club, organization, union, party or society.

22. SOCIAL STANDING (Aristocracy, upper middle-class, lower middle-class, peasantry, etc.).

UPPER MIDDLE CLASS

23. RECORD OF TRAVEL - OUTSIDE OF COUNTRY OF PRESENT RESIDENCE. (Under Purpose, list pertinent firms and people visited.).

Country	Purpose of trip	Dates
France British Isles Germany Holland Norway Sweden Denmark The West Indies Brazil	As a member of the Raymond-Whitcomb Cruise Operating Staff while employed by that company (See Employment History)	1932 - 1939
Australia New Guinea Philippine Islands	With American Red Cross (See Employment History)	1942 - 1944

All youth spent in Europe with family, Father being in the United States Foreign Service.

24. EDUCATION.

Name of School	Course	Degree	Dates
St. Bernard's, New York, U.S.A.			
Harvey School, Paris, France			
McJannet School, St. Cloud, s/o, France	-	No college education.	

25. LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS (Check proficiency).

(a)

Language	Read Good-Fair-Poor	Speak Good-Fair-Poor	Understand Good-Fair-Poor
French	Good	Good	Good

(b) ARE HIS LANGUAGE ABILITIES AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS SUCH THAT HE COULD PASS HIMSELF OFF AS A NATIVE TO A COUNTRY OR REGION OTHER THAN HIS OWN?

Possibly. French is fluent, having been spoken since childhood, but accent might be noted and typical American appearance and mannerisms difficult to disguise.

26. MILITARY SERVICE: Country, Organization, Rank, nature of duty, where service was performed, when discharged, why?

U.S. Red Cross. Club Director. Service in Australia, New Guinea, Philippines. (See Employment History)

27. PRESENT OR PAST MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL AND CHARITABLE SOCIETIES:

None

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28. LIST SPECIAL SKILLS, HOBBIES AND ABILITIES. (Radio, Photography, etc.).

No hobbies. Special ability lies in salesmanship and the establishment and maintenance of personal contacts necessary to career.

29. FINANCIAL STATUS: (Earnings, Bank Accounts, Securities, Property).

Paid approximately $666.00 monthly by Trans World Airline.
Bank account with Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York.
No property or securities outside of Life Insurance Policies.

30. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY. (Include type of work done, dates, employers, and addresses.)

Business career began in Europe. Brought up in France and speaking French, he was appointed, at the age of 18, General Sales Agent for numerous American products including Jantzen Bathing Suits, Three-In-One Oil, the Franklin Motor Car and the Le Baron Motor Car. Successful with these lines, later became General Sales Agent in France for Dusenburg Motor Cars and the Packard Motor Car Company. Almost immediately after taking on Packard sales he accepted a proposition to work exclusively for the Packard Motor Car. Co. Remained with the company in Paris for two years, or until early in 1931. Was then sent to the United States by the company to handle Packard sales in Buffalo, New York where he remained until the autumn of 1932.

At that time he was approached by Raymond-Whitcomb Inc., a leading American travel company, specializing in deluxe tours and cruises, and asked to take over sales in the New York Office due to his knowledge of Europe and his contacts in Europe and the United States who were potential customers for high priced travel offerings. He went to work in the company's principal sales office at 670 Fifth Avenue and remained there until 1940. The travel business became so severely restricted after the outbreak of war in Europe that Raymond-Whitcomb Inc. was obliged to close most of its offices. Sales were at a standstill and, as he was working by his own choice on a commission basis, it was necessary for him to leave. During his eight-year tenure with Raymond-Whitcomb Inc. he wrote on an average of $500,000 worth of business yearly by himself.

After leaving Raymond-Whitcomb Inc., he took a position as Assistant General Manager of the St. Regis Hotel in New York and subsequently transferred to the Hotel Pierre in the same capacity. He remained at the Hotel Pierre until 1942.

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31. DESCRIPTION (Use American Standards of measurement).

AGE	40	POSTURE	Erect
APPARENT AGE	40	WEIGHT	183 lbs.
HEIGHT	5'10"	TEETH	Good - even
EYES	Grey	HAIR	Brown - thick
FACE-SHAPE	Round	SCARS	None
COMPLEXION	Fair		
SEX	Male	BUILD	Thick set

GENERAL APPEARANCE

PROMINENT FEATURES None

DISFIGUREMENTS None

PERSONAL HABITS Normal

ANY TRAITS WHICH DISTINGUISH FROM OTHERS HAVING SAME GENERAL DESCRIPTION.
No

32. HAS SUBJECT DONE ANY WRITING? GIVE DETAILS.

None

33. WAS HE EVER A PRISONER OF WAR? GIVE DETAILS.

No

34. WITH WHAT PEOPLE OR GROUPS DOES HE MOST OFTEN ASSOCIATE? (List several).
Associates most often in France with the "international set", wealthy and prominent persons of all nationalities, many of whom are my customers for air transportation and most of whom are friends of long standing.
In the U.S. his contacts include persons of high social position and leaders in business and industry. This has been brought about partly by the nature of his work in selling deluxe transportation on two continents and partly by family background and early life in Europe.
(See Page 8a for a limited list of persons with whom subject associates)

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30. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY. (Continued)

Attempting to volunteer for service in the U.S. Armed Forces he was turned down as being overweight. He then approached the U. S. Red Cross, was accepted, and sent immediately to Sidney, Australia as manager of the U.S. Officers' Club in that city. Subsequently, he served in New Guinea, and in Leyte and Manila in the Philippines.

After two and a half years overseas he became eligible for discharge and made application to return to the United States. He went directly to Washington D.C. upon his arrival to operate there the War Service Bureau of the American Optical Company. The Bureau handled that company's business relations with foreign governments and aided implementation of U.S. Army, Navy and Air Corps contracts.

With the war over and the War Service Bureau about to close, he refused a position with the American Optical Company Sales Division, to re-enter the Transportation field. He joined a newly-formed airline called Transair Inc., at that time one of the leading charter companies.

Due to the uncertain position of charter lines within the aviation industry he decided to accept an offer made to him by American Airlines to go to Europe as District Traffic Manager for Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg with headquarters in Amsterdam. He remained with American Overseas Airlines until he had an opportunity to transfer to Trans World Airline which made it possible for him to return to Paris as Special Sales Representative, covering large corporation, government accounts and the motion picture industry. He has now been with Trans World Airline in Paris for fifteen months.

For verification of his employment history the following persons are offered as references. Both are familiar with his business career and have known him personally for years. As is indicated by the above he has been employed by both.

Henry S. WOODBRIDGE Wardman Park Hotel Washington, D.C.	Formerly General Manager of Raymond-Whitcomb Inc. Now Assistant to the President, American Optical Company.
Warren Lee PIERSON	Chairman of the Board Trans World Airline, New York, N.Y.

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POTENTIAL LIST OF PERSONAL CONTACTS.

United States:

David Rockefeller
Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett (Metropolitan Opera)
Spyros Skouras (20th Century Fox)
Robert Topping
Daniel Topping
John Topping
John Ringling North
Baron George Wrangel
Dr. Herman Baruch (ex U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands)
John Snyder (Secretary of the Treasury)
General Carlos Romulo (Philippines)
Serge Oblensky
Warren Lee Pierson (Chairman of Board - TWA)
James A. Farley (ex-Postmaster General)
George B. Wells (ex-President - American Optical)
Nancy Oakes Marigny
Oscar Holcomb (Mayor of Houston, Texas)
Dorothy Spreckels (San Francisco sugar heiress)
Adolph Spreckels
Benjamin Katz (President - Gruen Watch Co.)

France:

Dean Frederick Beekman (American Pro. Cathedral, Paris)
Alberto Dodero (South American shipping magnate)
Baron and Baroness von Seidlitz.
Andre Dubonnet
Pepe Herrera (Venezuelan Minister to Sweden)
Ralph B. Strassburger

A complete list, even of closest contacts, is difficult to compile. It includes well-known persons in the moving picture industry, newspaper people, hotel executives, transportation executives, persons high in government service and in the financial world. Few men have as wide a circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the world.

35. IS HE IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH PERSONS OR FIRMS OUTSIDE COUNTRY OF PRESENT RESIDENCE? (If so, list).

PRESUMABLY WITH FAMILY ONLY.
SUBJECT IS ALLEGED TO BE A VERY POOR CORRESPONDENT.

36. HAS HE EVER BEEN SENTENCED BY A COURT? (WHEN, BY WHAT COURT, DELINQUENCY, PUNISHMENT. GIVE RECORD OF ARRESTS AND ACQUITTALS.)

Never

37. IF APPLICABLE, GIVE INFORMATION ON DENAZIFICATION - WHETHER COMPLETED, PROPOSED, OR REFUSED.

38. HOW WAS HE FIRST CONTACTED OR DEVELOPED?
OLD FRIEND OF SYDNEY P. GLASER

39. COULD SUBJECT BE TURNED OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE FOR HANDLING QUICKLY AND IN A SECURE MANNER?
YES

40. WHAT IS THE BEST ESTIMATE AS TO SUBJECT'S MOTIVATION?
NOT YET APPROACHED.

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41. WITH WHAT AGENCIES AND FILES HAS SUBJECT'S NAME BEEN CHECKED? WHEN? WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN DONE TO VERIFY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SUBJECT?

TO BE CLEARED BY HQ.
PROVISIONAL CLEARANCE REQUESTED

42. ARE THERE ANY FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CONTROL OF SUBJECT?

NONE - AT PRESENT

43. DOES SUBJECT KNOW FOR WHAT SERVICE HE IS WORKING OR DOES HE KNOW THE DESTINATION OF HIS INFORMATION?

NOT YET RECRUITED

44. IF POSSIBLE, ATTACH A SAMPLE OF SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING TOGETHER WITH SIGNATURE.

WILL BE SUPPLIED LATER.

45. IS SUBJECT (for example) WELL-INFORMED AND INTELLIGENT__X__; ILL-INFORMED BUT SHREWD______; NOT VERY BRIGHT______; OR:

46. HOW DO YOU EVALUATE HIS CHARACTER, RELIABILITY, SECURITY?

TO BE SUPPLIED LATER,
PROVIDED SUBJECT IS
APPROACHED.

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47. WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION HAS HE FURNISHED AND WHAT TYPE IS HE EXPECTED TO FURNISH IN THE FUTURE? GIVE AN EVALUATION OF INFORMATION RECEIVED.

SUBJECT IS IDEALLY SUITED AND LOCATED IN COVER JOB WHICH BRINGS HIM INTO CONTACT WITH MANY POTENTIAL AGENTS AND VALUABLE CONTACTS.

48. IF SUBJECT'S DUTIES ARE OTHER THAN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING, SO INDICATE.

SUBJECT WOULD START AS "SPOTTER" AND PERHAPS RECRUITER.

49. HAS HE BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL TRAINING AS AGENT? IF SO, DESCRIBE THE TRAINING.

IF SECURITY CLEARED WILL BE TRAINED IN PARIS.

50. IS SUBJECT INTEGRATED WITH ANY OTHER OPERATIONS?

NOT YET RECRUITED.

51. DO WE KNOW GENERALLY HOW AND FROM WHOM HE OBTAINS INFORMATION?

NOT YET APPLICABLE.

52. IS HE PAID A REGULAR SALARY BY US?_______ AMOUNT:_________

RECOMMEND BETWEEN $200 AND $300 MONTHLY. RETAINER FEE OF $100 RECOMMENDED DURING TRAINING AND BRIEFING PERIOD.

53. HAVE ANY UNFULFILLED PROMISES BEEN MADE TO HIM?

NOT YET APPLICABLE.

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54. REMARKS. (IN ESSAY FORM, MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON FACTORS OMITTED WHICH ARE DEEMED BY THE CASE OFFICER TO BE PERTINENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE PERSONAL RECORD. ADDENDA SHOULD BE MADE TO THIS FORM FROM TIME TO TIME.).

SEE COVERING LETTER.

SUBMITTED BY SYDNEY P. GLASER
(use pseudonym)
VIA Dan G. Darnell

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VIA: AIR
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DISPATCH NO. ~~WFP~~A-3724

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TO : Chief, FDW

DATE: 15 December 1949

FROM : Chief, Paris Station

SUBJECT : GENERAL - John Augustus McVICKAR, Jr. 201-33608

SPECIFIC - PARI-4214

1. We regret that circumstances beyond our control prompted us to dispatch PARI-4214 on the off chance that Subject might be of sufficient interest to you as a potential candidate for recruitment, thus bringing to a head a question which normally would have followed its course through the mill. In this case, however, due to Subject's alleged resignation from TWA, we felt that a cable such as the one we dispatched was justified, due to the fact that unless some quick action is taken, Subject will definitely leave his present job with TWA and seek employment elsewhere.

2. On 10 December, Subject had luncheon with HARE and unloaded all his financial troubles. In a casual way HARE asked him if by any chance he would be willing to stay on at TWA if his salary were supplemented. Subject took eagerly to this possibility, since it is well-known that Subject likes his job and desires very much to remain, but is resigning merely for financial reasons. In consultation with UNMOVED and HARE, both of whom knew Subject well, it is apparent that probably $300 monthly would allow Subject to decide to stay with TWA, provided we are sufficiently interested in recruiting him for intelligence activities.

3. Attached hereto is UNMOVED's latest report on Subject, dated 8 December, and prepared prior to HARE's luncheon with Subject. There seems to be some question as to whether Subject has actually submitted his resignation to TWA in writing. According to UNMOVED, he has, whereas Subject denied this to HARE. In any event, it is well known in Paris that Subject is taking terminal leave at present, prior to leaving TWA.

4. We now await your reaction as to whether you feel that in principle McVICKAR is worth recruiting. It is too early, not having had specific and detailed talks with McVICKAR, to submit a project outline, but all here are agreed that the organization could benefit considerably by Subject's extensive contacts in all countries of Western Europe.

McVICKAR, JOHN AUGUSTUS JR

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8 December, 1949

Subject: McVICKAR, JOHN AUGUSTUS JR.

Address: 28 Avenue Montaigne Paris

Telephone: ELY 46-65

Subject is quitting his position as traffic representative with Trans World Airline as of 31 December, 1949. In August, 1949, subject advised his superiors, including WARREN LEE PIERSON, Chairman of the Board of TWA and a personal friend, that he could not continue unless a larger salary and a more liberal expense account were forthcoming. He was informed in due course by Vice President COOKE that it was impossible for the company to give him more money within the present wage structure. Subject therefor decided to seek other employment. On or about 15 November subject was advised by Overseas Manager THORNTON that he could proceed to make new arrangements as of the end of the year. Whether subject actually resigned or was asked to terminate his connection due to his repeated demands for more money is not completely clear to the writer.

Overseas Manager THORNTON was never sympathetic with the subject. According to STANLEY MARKUSEN, TWA Overseas Public Relations Director, THORNTON was jealous of subject's popularity. On the other hand, JOHN WINCHELL, Traffic Manager for Paris, and subject's immediate superior, was, and continues to be, his strong supporter. On the basis of business produced WINCHELL has told the writer that subject is the company's most valuable employe overseas. MARKUSEN concurs in that belief.

Subject is highly regarded by OSCAR HOLCOMB and PALMER BRADLEY, directors of TWA. In addition he is a close friend of PIERSON, Chairman of the Board, who engaged him directly in the first place. None of these, however, seem willing to run counter to the economy drive now in progress within TWA sponsored by new President RALPH DAMON. Unless there is a last minute change in policy subject's termination will stand.

Subject's future is uncertain. He has been in touch with a friend of his in New York named HARVEY DWIGHT. DWIGHT makes frequent business trips to Europe on behalf of his own company which deals in spare parts for airplanes. He has intimated that he might use subject in Europe for six to eight months and then bring him back to the U.S. for employment in Washington. As ofthe above date DWIGHT has made subject no definite offer but has advised him in a letter seen by the writer not to worry about his future.

Ex-Postmaster General JAMES FARLEY, now with the CocaCola Company, was interested recently in hiring subject for work in France but that idea seems now to have been dropped.

CHARLES ROGERS, Paris automobile dealer, has asked subject to work for him but subject has refused.

Subject is hard pressed for money. He has outstanding debts and his former salary from TWA, in the vicinity of $650? monthly, had never been sufficient for his needs. In October, 1949, TWA cut the living allowance paid to employes overseas. According to subject that cost him about $150. monthly and forced him into debt. Subject was

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Subject: McVICKAR, JOHN AUGUSTUS JR. (continued)

married in June of 1949 and his expenses have risen sharply. Subject has told the writer that he needs a thousand dollars a month, salary and expense account combined, in order to live in Paris and do a decent job.

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FROM: SPECIAL OPERATIONS — 15 DEC 49

CONFIRMATION: FDW (1-2) — OUT 95459

INFORMATION: ADSO (3-4), STB (5), IID (6), STD (7)

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WASH 5370

TO: PARIF CITE: WASHF

RE: PARI 4214 (IN ...58)

1. ALTHO SUBJECT SOUNDED GOOD IN PRINCIPLE WE UNABLE APPROVE REF PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. PRIOR COMPLETION PRELIM FOUR WAY CHECK PROVISIONAL CLEARANCE UNOBTAINABLE.

B. EVEN IF CLEARED AND DEFINITE TARGET IN MIND, $300 CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE FOR UNTRIED, UNTRAINED (ALTHO WELL PLACED) INDIVIDUAL COMPARED OTHER STARTERS.

2. AS RESIGNATION APPEARS FAIT ACCOMPLI WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE ATTEMPT PERSUADE SUBJECT RETAIN PRESENT POST THEREBY INCURRING HEAVY MORAL OBLIGATION SUPPORT HIM FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD IN FUTURE.

3. NEW COVER SHOULD STILL GIVE SUBJECT LATITUDE OUR WORK IF HE REMAINS IN EUROPE. WILL SUBMIT RESULTS CHECK AND REQUEST YOU FORMULATE NEW PROPOSAL ON BASIS NEW COVER WHEN WE WILL REEXAMINE AND ADVISE.

FILE IN 201-33608

R. BOULTON — AS — S. H. LEVINGTON

RELEASING OFFICER — ORIGINATING AND COORDINATING OFFICERS — AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

TOD: 0255Z 16 DEC 49

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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FROM: PARIS — ROUTINE

TO: SPECIAL OPERATIONS — 11 DEC 49

ACTION: FDW (1-2) — IN 11158

INFORMATION: ADSO (3-4), STA (5), STB (6), IID (7)

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PARI 4214

TO: WASHF CITE: PARIF

1. UNMOVED REPORTS SUBJECT WFPA 3489 RESIGNED FROM TWA EFFECTIVE 1 JAN.

2. SUBJECT APPEARS OPTIMISTIC RE POSSIBILITY SECURING WORK IN EUROPE, HQ PARIS, WITH HARVEY DWIGHT, IMPORTANT AIRPLANE SPARE PARTS DEALER. IF DWIGHT CONTACT MATERIALIZES SUBJECT WOULD REMAIN PARIS SIX OR EIGHT MONTHS, THEN RETURN STATES TO WORK FOR DWIGHT, POSSIBLY IN WASH.

3. AT LUNCHEON WITH HARE 10 DEC SUBJECT TOLD HARE ALL HIS FINANCIAL TROUBLES AND INDICATED WILLINGNESS REMAIN TWA IF INCOME COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED. UNMOVED CONCURS WITH THIS. SUBJECT STATED (RCVD DEHXEB) TO HARE HE HAD ACTUALLY RESIGNED FROM TWA, STATING HE NOW TAKING TERMINAL LEAVE PRIOR TO RESIGNATION.

4. RE WFPW 3032. IN VIEW DEVELOPMENTS ABOVE WE FEEL DECISION ONE WAY OR OTHER OUR PART MUST BE MADE SOONEST. THEREFORE REQUEST PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE AND YOUR AUTHORITY APPROACH SUBJECT, IN PRINCIPLE, OFFERING SALARY $300 MONTHLY, SUBJECT TO FINAL SECURITY CLEARANCE. THIS IN ORDER PERSUADE SUBJECT REMAIN WITH IDEAL TWA COVER JOB AT LEAST UNTIL WE MAKE FINAL DECISION.

5. TIME, IN THIS CASE, IS OF THE ESSENCE.

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AIR

WFPW-8032

Chief of Station, Paris

25 November 1949

FDM

Subject of WFPA-3489

McVicker

1. On the basis of the information submitted in reference dispatch, we have initiated an investigation of subject, who appears to have, as you suggest, many facets worth exploiting. We expect this preliminary four-way check to take at least six weeks to complete and in the meantime would appreciate a further list of subject's contacts, sketched briefly at the bottom of page 8a of his personal record form. Since operational clearance is given only for a specific purpose, we also request UNMOVED's preliminary views on exploitation.

2. Subject personal record form (as well as that submitted with WFPA-3506) is unusually complete, which greatly facilitates checking at this end. UNMOVED should be congratulated on his painstaking reporting in this matter.

H. C. Tyndall

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP

FEB 23 1950
DATE

TO: IID - Mr Brady

BUILDING | ROOM NO

REMARKS: For your files.

Mrs. Thompson

Please open 2020 restrict to FDW.

TMB

FROM: Bonnet

BUILDING | ROOM NO. | EXTENSION

FORM NO.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

10 February 1950

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FROM:

NO. WFFA-4114

DATE

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE REC'D	DATE FWD'D	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
1. FDW	2036	20 Feb	21	[illegible] 20	This is McVickar - [illegible] does matter?
2.					Dropped & security inv.
3.					cancelled.
4.					CSO inv. # 40104 - (4-way
5.					check) returned to CSO - No further investigation re-
6.					quired.
7.					
8.					McVICKAR, JOHN AUGUSTUS JR
9.					201 edb [redacted] [redacted]
10.					ABSTRACT FI X INDEX 201-33608
11.					10 Feb 50
12.					
13.					25 OSO Registry
14.					FEB 2? 1950
15. IID	1514				

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OFFICIAL DISPATCH

VIA: AIR
SPECIFY AIR OR SEA POUCH

DISPATCH NO. WFPA- 4114

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TO Chief, FBW

DATE: 10 February 1950

FROM : Chief, Paris Station

SUBJECT : GENERAL- WFPA-3724; WASH-5370
SPECIFIC-

1. UNMOVED has just informed me that Subject has definitely decided not to return to Paris and is now staying at the Hotel Stanhope on 5th Ave., New York. UNMOVED further assures me that Subject is definitely un employed for the moment and is desperately looking for suitable employment.

2. Apparently Subject has been able to borrow a considerable amount of money, he having sent to his wife who remained behind in Paris a sufficient amount of dollars to cover local debts in French Francs which Subject had accrued at the various Paris hotels, bars, nightclubs, etc. Subject's wife is at present liquidating all these debts, closing up and returning to the owner the apartment in which they lived and plans to depart for New York to rejoin her husband within a few days.

3. UNMOVED has also assured me that Subject is very anxious to return to Europe and, if possible, Paris. UNMOVED has maintained his contacts with other high TWA officials in Paris, who have told him that they are "lost without"Subject and would be very glad to see him back in Paris. It also seems apparent that Subject left TWA under favorable circumstances and would be willing to return (and they would accept him) provided his financial situation were satisfactorily settled.

4. If Subject still interests you, I suggest you endeavor to contact him at his hotel in New York.

Dan C. Garner
Dan C. Garner

DCG:jws

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FROM: CSO via WH

BY HAND

NO.

DATE 17 February

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE REC'D	DATE FWD'D	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
1. WH		17 Feb		[illegible]	
2.					
3.					Subject now in U.S. - possibly permanently. Therefore no
4. CSO		23 Feb		[illegible]	further investigation required
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					
13.	MICROFILMED				OSO Registry
14.	JUL 20 1956				[illegible] 4 1950
15. I.O.		23 Feb		JBB	11

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TO : FOW/S... Staff C/... Attn: Mr. Bonnet

DATE: ...59

FROM : Research Branch, I&S Staff

SUBJECT: McVICKAR, Jr., John Augustus
#40104

In accordance with your request, a covert name check was conducted on the above named Subject. The results are attached.

A review of the information furnished as a basis for this name check indicates that active covert inquiry and/or searches of other public and quasi-public records should be productive. However, in view of the limited nature of your request, no effort to develop such information has been made.

The attached data simply represents the results of inquiry at the designated U. S. Government agencies. Should independent domestic inquiries be required under the provisions of the Director's memorandum dated 14 February 1949, entitled "Security and Operational Clearances", we would be pleased to conduct them and furnish the results to you as promptly as possible.

FOR THE CHIEF OF INSPECTION AND SECURITY:

David W. Christensen
for: ROBERT H. CUNNINGHAM

Attachment
Name check data

Encl.

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No. 40104

On 27 December 1949, the files of Confidential Government Agency L-2 were checked in the name of Subject with negative results.

On 23 December 1949, it was determined that there was no record of Subject in the files of Confidential Government Agency L-3.

Confidential Government Agency L-1 reported no record of Subject on 6 January 1950.

On 9 January 1950, a representative of Confidential Government Agency L-5 advised that no investigation of Subject has been conducted by that Agency.

On 28 December 1949, it was determined that there was no record of Subject in the files of Confidential Government Agency L-3(a).

The Master Index of the United States Civil Service Commission was checked in the name of Subject on 29 December 1949 with negative results.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were checked on 4 January 1950 but revealed no record of Subject.

On 30 January 1950, the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, were reviewed in the name of Subject:

Passport No. [illegible] was issued on 17 December [illegible] for travel to England, Holland, Norway, Denmark and Belgium on business for the American Overseas Airlines. Subject was employed as District Traffic Manager.

Subject was born on 12 February 190[illegible] at Tarrytown, New York. He resided at 11 East 90th Street, New York, New York and resided in France from 1920 to 1930. His occupation was that of Sales Executive.

Subject registered at Amsterdam, Netherlands on 3 November 1947. He had resided in Amsterdam since 14 January 1947 as a representative of American Overseas Airlines.

Passport was renewed for two years at Paris, France on 2 December 1948. Subject resided at that time at 101 Avenue des Champs Elysees and his legal residence was shown as in care of Mrs. Robert [illegible], [illegible] Liberty Street, Westbury, Long Island, New York. At the time of registration, he represented Trans-World Airlines.

[illegible] Paris, France, stated that Subject married [illegible] ___________, born in St. Louis, Missouri on 13 January 19[illegible], and [illegible] their

[illegible]

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Encl. - 1 [illegible]

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[illegible], Jr., John [illegible]

[illegible]. 40194

for Subject and his wife on 11 July 1949. It was stated that Subject married on 3 June 1949 at Alexandria, Virginia.

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DATE 23 Nov 49

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1. W/W		23 Nov	25	[illegible]	
2.					
3. W/K		25 Nov	25 Nov	[illegible]	
4.					
5. CSO		28 NOV		B.	[illegible]
6.					
7. Res. Div 185.				✓	
8.					
9.					
10.					
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12.					
13.					
14.					
15.					[illegible]

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23 November 1949

MEMORANDUM

TO: CSO

FROM: FDW

SUBJECT: Request For Name Check

Name: McVICKAR, John Augustus, Jr.

Nickname: "Johnny"

Present Address: 28 Avenue Montaigne, Paris, France

Date and Place of Birth: 12 February 1909, Long Island, New York

Citizenship: U. S.

Relatives: Father - John Augustus McVikar (sic), U.S. citizen at birth; living at home of Theodore McVikar (sic) on Long Island, New York; former member of U. S. Foreign Service

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Organizations:

Never a member of any club, organization, union, party or society.

Financial:

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References:

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